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Beaver



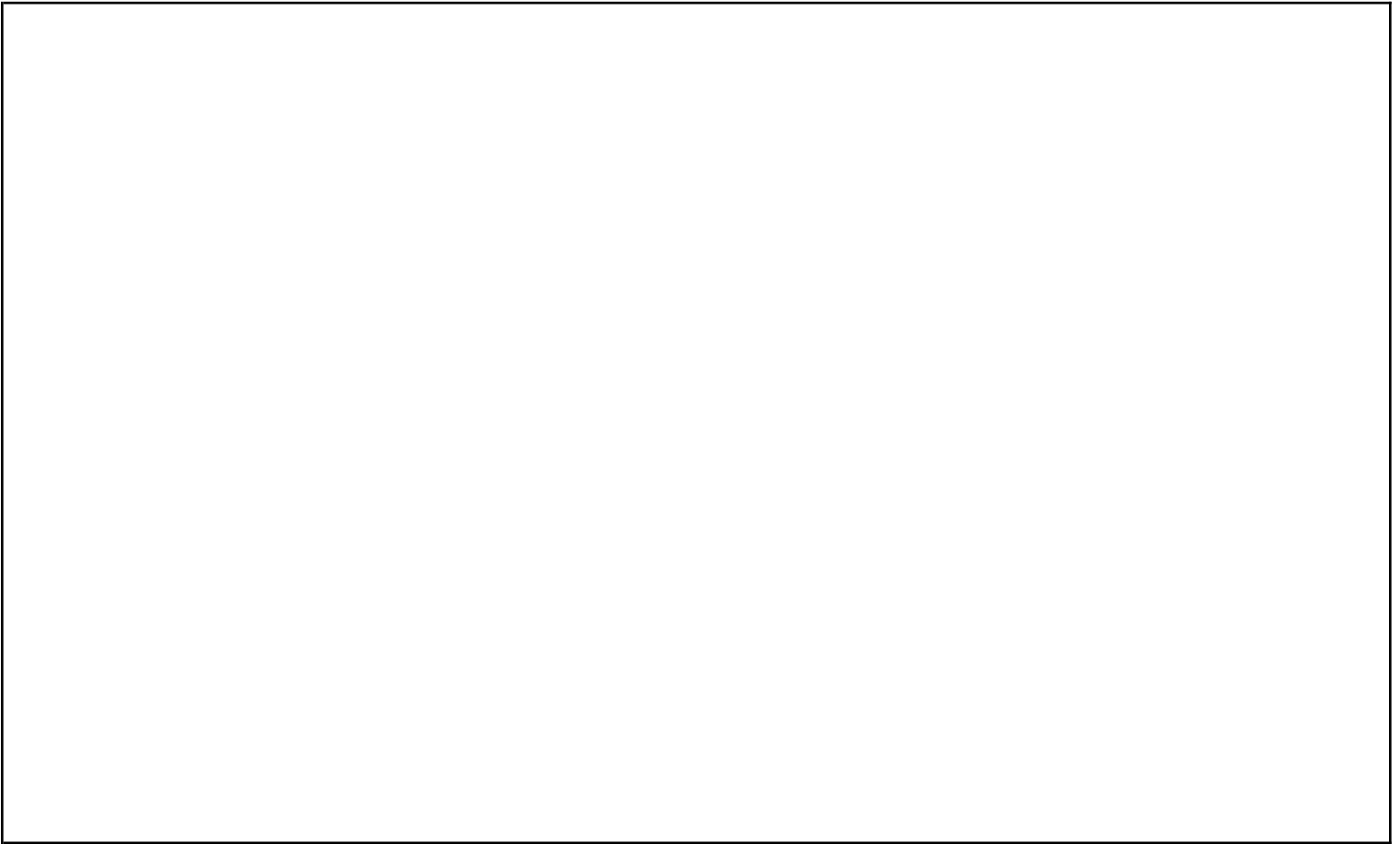
Opossum



Porcupine

# ANIMAL TRACKS IN THE WILD

After you have correctly identified the animals tracks on the previous page, it is now time to taking your tracking skills to the wild! Explore outside and discover an animal track. Once you have found a track, use the space below to draw the print as best as you can. Try your best to identify what kind of animal left the track you discovered and explain your reasoning!



Animal Track ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Identification:

Don't be afraid to get as close as you can to the print without casting a shadow on it. The closer you can get to it, the more likely you are to be able to detect claw marks and faint impressions that will help you identify the animal. measure the length and width of the prints. Be sure to measure more than one to be sure you aren't looking at the tracks of more than one animal. The size of the print alone can narrow down your culprits. If the print is small, it could likely be a rat, mouse or squirrel. A medium size print could indicate a fox or other type of canine, and a large print might mean a bear.